

HON. EDWARD OSGOOD BROWN.

One of the most prominent lawyers in this section of the Middle West, who was recently re-elected President of the Chicago branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

THE RED CAP MEN AT THE I. C. RAILROAD, 12TH STREET STATION

By JUAN W. BELL

Mr. E. G. Jordan invites the school and trainmen who have donated to the St. Paul C. M. E. Church building fund to take a ride out and look at this new structure, the walls of which are nearing completion. St. Paul is located in Dearborn street, near 47th street, and promises to be the most modern and equally spacious race church in the city. It should inspire our youngsters to see and note that this magnificent edifice is being erected by race brick and stone masons under the keen and observant eyes of Rev. J. M. Higinbotham, a race contractor.

Wm. Ferguson left Monday for St. Louis. He will also visit New Orleans and expects to return early next week.

Joe Matthews is visiting in Cairo and Mead City, Ill.

Capt. Geo. W. Trice and Sam Shields did excellent work for the Y. M. C. A. and were highly commended by the members of the General Board. Capt. Trice was chiefly instrumental in interesting Mr. Shields in the work and found in him a very efficient and valuable assistant.

Garfield Bell of the Rock Island was a caller last week. He has just returned from an extensive West and Southwest tour covering 2,500 miles.

Allen Thomas was humming "Almost Persuaded" several days ago. Prior to making this city his home he was a captain in the Salvation Army in Cincinnati. Should he draft a company here we are sure that there is much good that he can accomplish.

Joe Edmunds, recently from Atlanta, Ga., says, "Maybe he will visit the old town in 1999."

Horacio Matt and W. L. Clark joined Bethel Literary last Sunday and are proud of the invitation extended them through this column by our chief usher, Gaudy W. Trice, who is president of the society. "Some meeting," says Mr. Matt, "and that Attorney Mellison told us facts about Lincoln and Douglas that I never knew before." Mr. Mellison ranks with the foremost attorneys of this city and any literary or lyceum is highly favored if they secure him as speaker. Mrs. Pulley, assisted by Prof. J. A. Mundy, rendered a beautiful solo. Tomorrow (Feb. 17th) afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, the society will be entertained by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and addressed by the national president, Miss Helen Hood, and Miss E. Marshall, state secretary. Mrs. Lizzie Robinson has arranged in connection with the above-named speakers a very entertaining program. Miss Minnie Lewis, National Temperance soloist, will sing and Prof. Mundy's chorus will also render a number. Mrs. E. Barry, prison and jail superintendent, and many other prominent speakers will be with us. A welcome invitation is extended to everyone. No admission fee.

Capt. Wm. Clifton, who has not been in the best of health, is again on the job. He and Capt. G. W. Trice are of much assistance to our chief.

Rev. W. Y. Bell of Evanston paid us a call last Tuesday. This young minister is doing nicely at New Hope C. M. E. Church in our suburb and the ushers wish for him continued success.

Mrs. J. Woodland, who has been critically ill is now very much improved.

LEGAL HELPS.

By Attorney Harris B. Gaines.

This column is open to readers of The Broad Ax for legal questions of general interest. All questions are to be addressed to Atty. Harris B. Gaines, Editor of the Legal Helps Department, National Theater Bldg., 6221 S. Halsted. No personal answers will be given unless enclosed postage is sent. Correspondence must be received by Wednesday of each week.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 9, 1918.—(Editor of Legal Helps): My father married a woman who had been divorced less than a year at the time of the marriage. Father died 2 months ago and willed his property to his wife, Emma. I have been told that the marriage is void and for that reason the will of my father leaving his property to his supposed wife is illegal and cannot be enforced. Can I have the will set aside on account of the illegality of the marriage?—W. D.

No. The intention of your father must rule in constraining his will. It is only necessary for a testator to sufficiently describe a person so that he may be identified. The wife being described and identified in the will as the person to receive your father's property, the legality of the marriage is immaterial, for he could have willed her the property if he was not married to her at all.

Chicago, Feb. 11, 1918.—(Editor of Legal Helps): My son, when he was 20 years of age, purchased a motorcycle for \$110. When he got possession of the motorcycle he found that it was in poor condition and not worth the price he paid for it. He returned the cycle to the vendor and demanded his money back, which was refused. On Feb. 3, he became 21 years of age and again demanded his money. The vendor refused to return the money and take the cycle back. Can my son force the seller of the cycle to return this money even though he has used the cycle several months?—M. D.

Yes, when a minor reaches legal age he may rescind contracts made while he was a minor. According to the facts you state your son has done no act after his majority that would show an intention to ratify the contract made while he was a minor; therefore he has the right to rescind the contract within a reasonable time after reaching his majority.

Chicago, Feb. 12, 1918.—(Editor of Legal Helps): A man has been sick for five years and at times he is not mentally responsible for his acts. Often he talks out of his head and does peculiar things. When he is in this right mind he cannot recall some of the things he says and does while in one of his spells. Some time ago, while in one of his spells and not mentally responsible for his act, he assigned certain claims and money to a relative. He doesn't recall the act and is anxious to have his property returned. Can he force the relative to return the property?—J. R.

Yes. By taking the proper steps the assignment can be set aside and the property returned to him. You cannot enforce a contract against a person who is mentally incapable of making a valid contract.

Mrs. Marie Bobb, of Seattle, Wash., is in the city visiting her brother and his family, Rev. W. S. Braddon, chaplain of the 370th U. S. Infantry. She will remain here until after his departure for Camp Logan, Houston, Tex.

"DYING LIKE THE DOG"

Prof. Goldwin Smith, a noted Canadian scholar, in his "Last Words on Religion," said: "The belief seems to be gaining ground that life beyond the grave is a fond delusion, at best a speculation, that man lies down and dies like a dog, that death levels the greatest benefactor with the worst enemy of mankind." The physiological act of dying is the same with the greatest man in the world, or the most inferior class. The distinction of one over the other after death depends on the estimation we attach to their acts. But few men ever had a better monument or epitaph to their memory than Byron's dog, "who had all the virtues of man without his vices." Who could demand more? In acts of fidelity he puts man to shame. A man is not maligned when it is said of him, he died like a dog.

MISS WATERS GETS POSITION AT HOWARD

Washington, D. C.—(Special)—Miss Phyllis Wheatley Waters, the talented daughter of Col. and Mrs. Phil Waters, of Charleston, W. Va., was appointed last week as instructor of French in the Department of Modern Languages of Howard University. Miss Waters is a graduate of the University of Michigan, and throughout her course in the college and in the high school at Ann Arbor she was a favorite with teachers and classmates. She has the distinction of being the first colored girl in the history of the University of Michigan to win her letters in athletics, and for several terms was captain of the basketball team of the institution. She finished with high honors in the class of 1917.

DEATH OF MRS. EMMA WINSLOW.

On Thursday afternoon, February 14th, Mrs. Emma Winslow, who was one of the oldest citizens of Chicago, residing at 3535 South Wabash avenue, passed away after a short illness. Pneumonia being the immediate cause of her death. Only a short time ago Mr. and Mrs. Winslow celebrated their golden wedding and at that time she was the picture of health.

Funeral services will be held over her remains Monday morning at 10 o'clock at her late home. Interment at Mt. Glenwood.

Mrs. Winslow leaves a loving husband, Miss Edna and Hattie Winslow and Mrs. Valette Dresden, daughters, and many friends to mourn her departure.

DENEEN MEN TO BACK DE PRIEST IN RACE

The Deneen organization of the Second Ward prepared to swing in back of Oscar De Priest for alderman of the Second Ward at a meeting called at the office of former Judge W. W. Maxwell late Tuesday afternoon. The leaders in the organization who favor the former alderman are: Attorney Maxwell, Frank Jackson, Fred T. Fertick and Capt. Louis B. Ind. The Madden-Harding forces are supporting Major Jackson for alderman. Cooperation Counsel Etelson has declared neutrality in all aldermanic battles, following the policy of Mayor Thompson.

CHIPS

Corporal Fred Moore of the 10th Cavalry is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. E. C. Deas is having splendid success with his C. E. choir at Quinn Chapel.

The University Society has taken out a one year's subscription to THE BROAD AX.

Lieut. Atkins and Sergeant Cyril Rappier were among the boys at the Coliseum Tuesday evening.

Miss Katie Clay of 4409 Prairie avenue has been ill for the past few days but is now able to be out again.

Miss Lela Wilson, 3257 South Park avenue, is making good as manager of the Cigar Store, 33rd and South Park.

Private Anderson McCoy of Camp Grant spent the week-end with his parents and family, 3735 Forest avenue.

Mrs. James H. Johnson, 3650 Prairie avenue, would feel agreeably surprised and delighted to receive a visit from her husband, Lieut.-Col. James H. Johnson, before the 370th U. S. Infantry departs for the trenches in France.

When the Feet Are Tired.

Those who are obliged to stand while at work during the day will find that the heavy, fatigued feeling in the feet will be relieved by bathing the feet night and morning with sprits of camphor, after first having washed the feet with cold water and soap. During the hot weather the feet will not tire and "feel like lead" if one's stockings and shoes be changed every day. The entire weight of the body rests upon the feet, and the feet become grooved, feel sore and ache unless they are cared for and provision made to change the pressure. This can be accomplished by merely changing the stockings and shoes, if one has no opportunity to wash the feet during the daytime.

If the feet are moist and inclined to sweat, talcum powder or chalk dusted into the soles of the stockings will give much comfort while one is obliged to be on his feet.

Origin of Potato Bugs.

Potatoes blazed the way to the bugs, which have proven our great and destructive pests. Potato bugs were Colorado beetles and lived contentedly on the sand bars of the plateau land in that part of the country. The sand bars, from a botanical standpoint, are distantly related to potatoes and when civilization brought the potatoes to the Colorado regions the bugs transferred their attention and affection to the tenderer and juicier vines. Then the bugs quite rapidly followed the potato zones toward the east, appearing in Iowa in Civil war times, crossing the Mississippi about 1884 and reaching New York and the New England states in the '90s. In the early years of its eastward migration the potato bug was considered as being deadly poison, but a nearer acquaintance with the pest dispelled this impression.

Parrot Has a Strange Pal.

A quaint scene in Kensington gardens, London, is a brilliant green, long-tailed, rosy-billed bird that assumes visitors by its swift, strong flights over the elm tops—screaming harshly as it goes. This is a wild parrot—once a tame one. It has already weathered several winters in the gardens, and will fly down and take peanuts placed on the feeding. It has no mate of its kind, but has formed a remarkable friendship with a wood pigeon, with whom it is often seen in company, and the quaintly sorted pair fly off together at dusk and sleep side by side in the same nest.

WHERE BITES ARE TREATED

Mission Dispensaries Cure Many Africans Who Sustain All Manner of Dangerous Injuries.

Africans go to the mission dispensaries to be cured of bites from all kinds of animals, and a large number of them are cured. The commonest bites are from snakes, say a writer in World Outlook. In Tuhambane are 18 to 20 varieties of poisonous snakes, some very deadly, whose bites mean a fight for life. Hyenas kill or carry off hundreds of children each year, and most of those who are rescued have terrible scalp wounds, as the hyena carries a child by the head. Other biting pests of the region are lions, from whom few escape alive; scorpions, very poisonous and fond of getting into beds; hypo flies, large flies that in biting take huge pieces of flesh and cause great swellings; sharks, of which the bay is full.

But the most common, bite and seemingly the hardest to heal, is the human bit. The Africans when they get angry use their teeth to good advantage. There is scarcely a morning that several do not come to the dispensary. One boy had his lower lip bit off, and for him a new lip was made.

Legal Anatomy.

I followed with interest from time to time the innocent errors of the little blue-eyed helpmate of the office. I doubt not that, without her help, greater mistakes in typing would be made; not in spelling or grammar, perhaps, but such as these: "Dear, Sir you'll of the 1st re'ceived and in reply will say," etc.

Be that as it may, I have one here which I think worthy of a paper. I dictated as follows:

"Such a proposition, couched as it is in terms to mislead the jury, is not a true statement of the law, is untenable and is certain to mean defeat to the ends of justice."

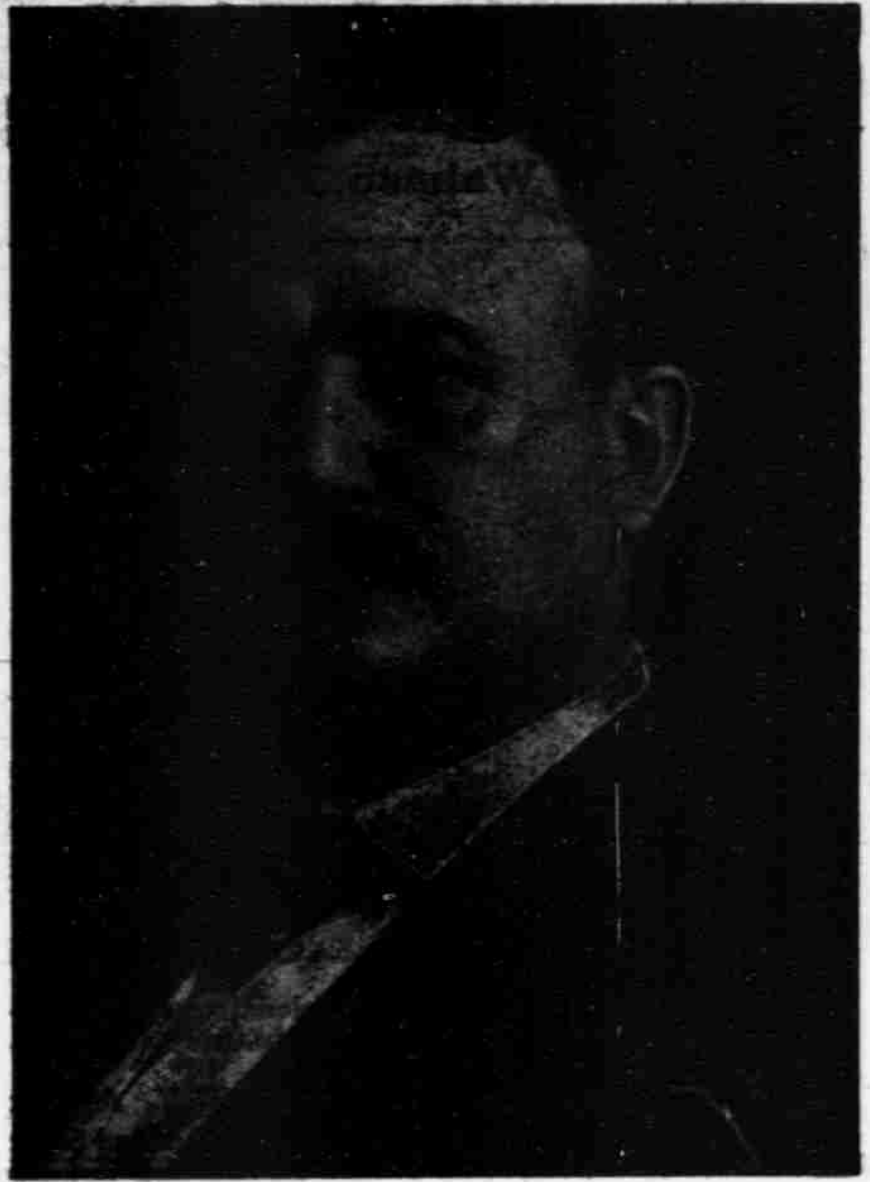
My stenographer evidently thought that our courts use a defeated litigant much as father does an unfavorable suitor for daughter's hand, for she wrote:

"Such a proposition, couched as it is in terms to mislead the jury, is not a true statement of the law, is untenable and is certain to meet the feet in the hands of the justice."—West's Docket.

Corn Dumplings.

Make a stew from a cheap cut of meat cut into small pieces, with the desired amount of carrots, onions and potatoes. Pour enough boiling water over a cupful of cornmeal to make a soft dough; let cool; then mix in one cupful of flour stirred with two spoonfuls of baking powder; add one egg and mix thoroughly; form into small round balls and put them into the stew for the last 25 minutes of cooking.

Dish up on a hot platter, pour the gravy over all and arrange the dumplings around as a border. These will take the place of bread at the meal. These corn dumplings are especially nice served with chicken potpie accompanied by either jelly or a relish.



COL. AUGUST W. MILLER.

The popular and efficient Clerk of the Circuit Court and strong supporter of Charles A. McCulloch for Mayor of Chicago in 1919.

POWER OF JOY RULES WORLD

Pain, Declares Women Lecturer, Should Never Be Resorted to in Correcting Unruly Children.

A woman is lecturing in the East on "The Influence of Joy." It is also an attack on the influence of pain, which parents so much resort to in the management of children. She declares, according to the Ohio State Journal, that pain should never be resorted to to make children good, and, hence, she advises that all spankings and whippings should be eliminated.

There is nothing in pain to reconstruct a child. Joy is the only medium that should be used. Make a child happy, instead of sad, is the gospel of child training. The power that lived, moved and ruled the world, she said, was the power of joy; and this was the influence the parent should use in training the child. This is not the way of parents. The rule is to whip the child to make him good. It cannot result that way. A kind word and a gentle association are far more powerful than a rod or any other method for producing sorrow or pain.

The other day we heard a mother shout to a little boy: "I'll skin you alive!" That is enough to make a worse boy out of a bad one.

The "mild power wins" is an old adage and every parent should take it to heart.

CAUSE OF TIRED FEELING

Complaint, Common With Many People Every Morning, Due to Pressure of Too Much Purin.

The familiar condition in which one wakes up in the morning, after a good night's rest, with a dry mouth, spirits depressed, feeling tired, aching all over, was explained by Dr. Nathan Rosewater of Cleveland in the course of a discussion at a recent meeting of the American Medical association.

He said such a person will go ahead and do a hard day's work and feel better as the hours pass, until in the evening all signs of trouble have gone. Such a person often had severe pains in the abdomen, the muscles of which were extremely sensitive; but the more they were pressed the less sensitive they became.

This condition is not, as often be-

THINGS THAT WE LAUGH AT

Inanimate Objects, Because of Association, Used by Comedians to Cause People to Smile.

The intrinsic humor possessed by inanimate objects is a study in itself. A person has but to lift up a string of sausages to make us smile. There must be some curious association of ideas, writes Rob Wagner in the Saturday Evening Post, that has always made of sausages a favorite prop for the comedian. The popularity of spaghetti as a laugh provoker probably lies in the great difficulty of eating it with dignity. Because of some strange significance, lawnmowers and baby carriages are potential of much mirth.

Inanimate objects are not the only facetious things in life; among the fruits and vegetables we find are comedians. We have a complete flora and fauna of comedy that every director is supposed to know. The edible props of pleasantries are the cabbage, prunes and onion; while among the animals, the jackass and the mule get the longest laughs, though I believe the goat produces the strongest.

We had a stupid director who thought because a Shetland pony offered such a tremendous contrast to a mule he could hitch the two together and get a lot of laughs. It cost a bunch of money to convince this unanalytical chump that people regard these diminutive horses much as they do beautiful children; they are too sweet and cute to be subjected to the slightest indignity. Sheer beauty is never funny.

OLD CHURCH WITH A HISTORY

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Has Pews Permanently Reserved for Sovereign and Prince.

There are many interesting associations with royalty attaching to the historic church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where the king and queen recently attended a special service. It is not generally known, states a London correspondent, that pews are permanently reserved there for the sovereign and the prince of Wales owing to the fact that it is the mother church of all the royal parishes, and the parish church for Buckingham palace.

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